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Applicant's Amendment and Response Under 37 CFR Section 1.111 To United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTION

On January 21, 2004, an United States Patent and Trademark Office ("Patent Office") Examiner's Action was issued for the Application. In this Action, the Examiner provided a shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months from the mailing date of the Action, i.e., to April 21, 2004. Applicant submits herewith a Request for Extension of Time of one month, i.e., to May 21, 2004, to reply to this Action. Accordingly, Applicant's Response is timely as it is being filed on May 21, 2004.